

Public Meeting
Clallam/Cline Combo
August 15, 2005
6:30 P.M

Meeting of the Clallam Ditch Company and the Cline Irrigation District regarding the main pipeline project, August 15, 2005

Introduction of Al Bruck (Project Manager) by Laurie Yarnes, Clallam Conservation District, Engineering Technician. Al gave an overview and showed on a map the overall construction project. He stated that there will not be individual assessments as funding has been obtained. Part of the agreement is that property owners will be individually contacted and that the property will be returned to as close to its original condition as possible. An Agreement will be given to each shareholder to sign and notarize. The plan is to start on the north end, on the Cline and work our way south. During the winter season we plan on getting most of the Cline irrigation project done to Cays Road and then complete the rest of the project at the end of the 2006 irrigation season.

Questions from the Shareholders:

Q. What is meant by original condition? A. If grass, will replant grass, etc. Q. Is there something to take a look at that has already been done? A. Yes. Three laterals.

Q. Live on Anderson Rd and Cays Rd and never been water in the ditch, but received a letter. Called and talked to someone and told to come to meeting. A. Asked that she leave her name and telephone number so that she can be contacted.

Q. I live on West Nelson and have a pond and have not had much water. What if Matriotti Creek does not have water? A. Nelson Rd is not on Matriotti Creek. Q. Was told 22 years ago that there is an intake pipe under the road. A. The laterals that you see on the map are going to be piped. Going to be a lateral going up Thornton. Be up to you and your neighbors' responsibility to get to the lateral. A. If taking water out of creeks and streambeds that could be separate than the Irrigation Districts.

Q. Was there any environmental study for the wildlife that has been there for years and the vegetation? A. I do not have an answer for that. We need to get water back in the river to restore the fish run there. **There have been environmental studies done. The most extensive one is called the "Dungeness River Agricultural Water Users Association Comprehensive Water Conservation Plan". This plan contains an environmental impact statement regarding the affects of irrigation ditch piping. It is available for page copying at Clallam Conservation District.**

Q. Do you have a report that details the expected benefit of the enclosed ditch? Are there any estimates on the

A. The issue came back to in stream flow and getting water back into the river. The water right from 1924 gave one legal use for the water. It is for three adjudicated purposes: irrigation purposes,, Since 1924 you have several beneficial laws that have come forth. This right does not give us possession of this water, but use of this water. This will be a closed end pipe.

Q. Will the golf course pipes be enclosed? A. Yes, but they will be responsible to the King County Golf Course Water Use Standards. They have very strict restrictions and adherence.

Q. Why are the fish more important than the deer? A. The wildlife issues have been looked at very closely and the Montgomery Report “**Dungeness River Agricultural Water Users Association Comprehensive Water Conservation Plan**”. (is available for you to look at. Salmon are on the Endangered Species Act and the Deer are not on that Act.

Q. Are any of the ditches north of 101 going to be combined? A. Yes.

Q. The volume of water taken out of river now, versus when it is piped, is it going to be the same? A. The water is going to be considerably less because When we finish the system we anticipate to have anywhere between 50 to 80 lb of pressure.

Q. Will there be an issue of winter draining of the pipes? A. Pipes will be flushed.

Q. Are fences going to go on the right-of-way? A. No. Where there are fences, they will be taken down and we will do the piping and then put the fences back up.

Q. What happens to driveways and bridges? A. Driveways will be restored and repaved if we have to go through a driveway. Bridges have to be discussed.

Q. A. Only the existing laterals get piped. Private laterals are the responsibility of individual property owners.

Q. When there is a dry year will you be turning off the water to the irrigation ditch? A. Yes. This year is a good example. Normally take about 60cfs. Water Assoc. has an agreement that will not let the river flow get below 60cfs. If we get a drought year the impact on a piped system will come later and will be less severe.

Q. Will there be fairness in a drought year that people on the north end don't get all the water? A. In a bad year we might ask that on the west side of the ditch you water on M, W, F. and on the east side T, Th, Sat., etc.

Q. Has there ever been any consideration in this area for a reservoir? A. Yes, but wishful thinking for money that nobody seems to have. “**Dungeness River Agricultural Water Users Association Comprehensive Water Conservation Plan**” has listed possibilities of reservoir locations. Funding is an issue.

Q. What are we going to do about trees? A. We are going to try to leave all the evergreen trees alone. Any other trees we will take out unless the property owner specifically specifies not to.

Q. Many of us on the ditch don't use the irrigation water since we haven't put in pumps and have you considered there will be an increase in use once the pipe is enclosed and pumps might not be necessary? A. Yes, we have considered that there will be increased

use and users should be prepared for some water management control. It is a quantity issue of water use, so we can manage the water.

Q. Are you only allowed one outlet on your property? A. That depends on how big of property you have. You are allowed .02 cfs per acre.

Q. What happens if a person refuses to give easement rights? A. We will work around it because we have to. Q. If we are gone on vacation, would you go ahead and do the work without contacting us. A. No, but it would be appreciated if you are planning on being gone, to please let us know ahead of time.

Q. If my well is going to go dry and I am going to lose all my trees, what are the benefits to this project other than putting more water into the river for more fish? A. There are many other benefits. Shallow wells (less than 49 feet) could be affected. It is best to have a well that is supplied from an aquifer not surface water.

Q. Main ditch is on the south side of Nelson, I am on the north side of Nelson. Will the riser come through that 8 inch pipe..... ? A. That basically is a culvert. We will provide a riser to connect to on the pipe. We will not take the 8 inch pipe out. Q. Will there be a shut-off valve? A. Yes. Work with the contractor.

Q. Are we going to meter the risers? A. At the present time no. If the water situation becomes such that we need to, we will.

Q. I have been on the irrigation system for 20 years and paid my fees and have had no water and irrigated my orchard out of my well. A. You are next to Angel Farm and you could connect onto them. When the properties were subdivided water rights went with it and it was up to property owners to get the easements. You are in a taxing district

Q. How is individual ownership going to be transferred? A. Two separate situations, even though the Cline is taxed through the County and the Clallam is a private company.

Q. Can you tell us where the key points are that the water will feed back into the river? A. Flush point at the northern point at the Another point at Cays Rd ¼ mile north, where we have the last one of our shareholders going into Matriotti Creek as a drain point. **The main point of return to the river will be near 801 Taylor Cutoff.**

Q. At the most northerly point of the pipe at Marine Drive, is that where the pipe is going to end? A. All of the laterals that used to dump over the bank into the stream will be capped off. **The new system will eliminate tailwater.**

Q. A. Yes we have places where we can shut the system down and each riser is going to have a shut-off valve.

Q. Is it possible that at Mains Farm we will not need a pump anymore and the cfs may be enough? A. That may very well be. You should talk to Jim White in the next week. Suggested that he contact Jim in the next week.

Q. What would cause us to put meters on the risers? A. The legal water right is .02cfs per acre and if we have a suspicion that a person is using more than they should, we could put a meter on the riser. First we would talk to the person.

Q. What will the impact and cost to the property owner be? A. We will sit down and try to work out something equitable for you. We understand you are off Woodcock and the ditch goes through the middle of your property.

Q. Where is the end of the laterals going to be? A. Right now Steve Boreland's place.
This is still being resolved.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.